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OF THE

Town Officers

OF THE

Town of Dorchester,

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending Feb. 15,

1898.

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen, F. Y. BURNHAM, JAS. LA MOTT, WELLS C. YOUNGMAN.
Clerk, HENRY M. MERRILL.
Treasurer, HAZEN H. CLOUGH.
Road Agent, HENRY M. MERRILL.
Collector of Taxes, GEO. B. FELLOWS.
Land Agent, ABEL BAILEY.
Liquor Agent, EZRA J. GOSS.
Board of Education, HERMAN L. POQUETT, G. B. FELLOWS, E. J. GOSS.
Supervisors, BYRON RICHARDSON, JAMES L. COLBURN, JOE. E. FELLOWS.
Auditors, H. W. K. EASTMAN, BYRON RICHARDSON.
Board of Health, H. M. MERRILL, H. L. POQUETT, B. RICHARDSON.

VALUATION 1897.

Polls, 97,	$ 9,700 00
Horses, 166,	4,946 00
Oxen, 38,	1,180 00
Cows, 160,	2,992 00
Neat stock, 52,	558 00
Sheep, 259,	386 00
Stock in trade,	5,980 00
Mills and machinery,	2,000 00
Real estate, resident,	57,056 00
Real estate, non-resident,	16,314 00
	$101,112 00

ASSESSMENTS 1897.

Town charges,	$ 1,000 00
Highways,	800 00
School money,	192 00
Repairs, school houses,	50 00
Voted school money,	125 00
State tax,	225 00
County tax,	277 14
Overlay,	111 44
Total,	$2,780 58
Rate per hundred,	$2 75

Selectmen's Report.

From,

H. M. Merrill, land sale 1895,	$19 75
Jewell Jesseman, heirs tax 1896,	6 33
D. H. Keezer, rent of town hall,	2 00
H. M. Merrill, land sale,	9 13
D. H. Keezer, rent of town hall,	3 00
County of Grafton,	300 10
Abel Bailey, land sale, non-resident,	16 06
Abel Bailey, land sale, note,	45 30
Abel Bailey, land sale, resident,	13 44
Savings banks tax,	101 03
Literary fund,	48 98
D. H. Keezer, rent of town hall,	4 00
Abel Bailey, on land sale, note,	45 24
	$614 36
Borrowed from sundry persons,	3,827 75
	$4,442 11

EXPENDED.

Paid.

Treasurer,	$2,121 24
Received note,	2,320 87
	$4,442 11

PAID ORDERS ON TREASURER.

State tax,	$225 00
County tax,	277 14
School money,	451 50
On notes,	2, 345 74
Miscellaneous,	107 23
Town officers,	349 12
County paupers,	311 16
Liquor agent,	354 60
Road agent,	800 00

PAID ON NOTES.

Betsey Waldron,	$ 20 00
M. H. Hodge,	50 00
M. J. Dolloff,	15 00
Betsy Waldron,	35 00
A. M. Burnham,	1,022 44
S. A. Leavitt,	25 00
Frank Martin,	20 00
Maggie Black,	109 15
Frank Martin,	25 00
Maggie Black,	25 00
Luthur Kidder,	50 00
C. E. Fitts,	100 00
G. W. Clough,	52 33
M. J. Brown,	50 00
Betsey Waldron,	15 00
Roxann W. Leavitt,	15 00
Maggie Black,	25 00
Frank Martin,	50 00
L. C. Adams,	641 82
	$2,345 74

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid.

Warren News Co., printing reports, 1896,	$22 50

W. C. Youngman, counsel,	$1 00
E. C. Eastman, tax books,	1 16
" order book,	1 35
D. H. Keezer, care town hall, '95 and '96,	2 00
W. C. Youngman, counsel,	1 00
E. C. Eastman, receipt book,	75
E. A. Burnham, return of birth,	25
" stationery,	50
F. A. Borgardes, return of births and deaths,	1 00
S. W. Clement, depositions,	6 00
J. LaMontague, water trough,	2 00
G. B. Fellows, cost on land sale, '96,	15 68
P. R. Follansbee, overpaid tax, 1894,	5 80
State of New Hampshire, liquor license,	25 00
E. J. Goss, school books,	19 49
D. H. Keyser, care of town hall, 1897,	1 75
	$107 23

LIQUOR AGENT.

Paid.

E. J. Goss,	$48 00
"	43 65
"	12 50
"	22 19
"	18 75
"	36 10
"	23 21
"	97 38
"	27 82
" Liquor license,	25 00
	$354 60

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid.

Auditors,	$3 00
E. J. Goss, liquor agent, balance '96,	2 00

Byron Richardson, supervisor	$3 75
P. R. Follansbee, col. from 1889 to '94	25 16
J. L. Colburn, supervisor,	3 00
Geo. B. Fellows, col. 1896,	20 00
H. W. K. Eastman, balance selectman 1896	16 12
G. B. Fellows, member school board,	6 00
W. C. Youngman, selectman,	50 00
E. J. Goss, liquor agent,	20 00
H. L. Poquett, school board, moderator, board health,	9 00
S. W. Clement, balance selectman, 1896,	15 92
F. Y. Burnham, balance selectmen, 1896,	12 50
G. B. Fellows, collector, 1896,	9 66
H. M. Merrill, town clerk,	15 00
H. M. Merrill, balance collector, 1895,	10 61
F. Y. Burnham, overseer of poor,	15 00
H. H. Clough, town treasurer,	18 00
H. H. Clough, balance treasurer, 1896,	4 00
Abel Bailey, land agent,	11 40
F. Y. Burnham, selectman,	58 00
J. La Mott,	21 00
	$349 12

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid.

Grace Taylor, board of Briggs boy,	$ 7 00
F. H. Elliott, goods for Briggs boy,	2 00
F. H. Elliott, goods for Briggs boy,	1 00
J. C. and W. G. Piper, casket and burial, Smith child,	4 00
G. F. Colburn, support, G. C. Colburn,	33 75
James La Mott, goods, Smith family,	8 98
Grace Taylor, board for Briggs boy,	18 00
E. J. Goss, care of James Morrisey,	81 33
F. E. Fletcher, goods for Briggs boy,	5 30
Geo. F. Colburn, support of G. C. Colburn,	32 50
F. A. Borgadis medical attendance, James Morrisey,	56 47
F. H. Elliott, goods for Briggs boy,	9 07

W. C. Youngman, car fare to Haverhill,	93
F. Y. Burnham, car fare to Haverhill,	93
F. Y. Burnham, boots for Briggs boy,	50
	$261 76

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

Paid.

F. H. Elliott, goods for J. W. Brooks,	$ 6 15
S. Keezer, goods for J. W. Brooks,	6 00
F. A. Borgardis, medical attendance, J. W. Brooks,	26 75
H. H. Ashley, wood for J. S. Rand,	10 50
	$49 40
Amount County,	$311 16

Due the Town Feb. 15, 1898.

From.

Abel Bailey on land sale notes,	$ 702 16
Abel Bailey on land covered by deeds,	265 52
Abel Bailey on land covered by deeds.	651 13
Due from county,	18 24
H. M. Merrill, col. 1890 to 1894,	82 77
H. M. Merrill, collector 1895	5 94
Geo. B. Fellows, collector 1896,	311 71
Geo. B. Fellows, collector 1897,	1293 58
H. M. Merrill, road agent,	32 47
School board, overdrawn,	6 80
W. R. Park, Jr., bounty on hawks	3 00
Liquor agent,	91 51
Cash in treasury,	434 36
	$3899 19
Outstanding notes against town,	$ 15,531 49
Due the town,	3,899 19
Total debt above available means,	$11632 30

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK Y. BURNHAM,
JAMES LAMOTT,
WELLS C. YOUNGMAN,
Selectmen of Dorchester.

The undersigned having examined the accounts of Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Road agent, Overseer of Poor, Land agent and Liquor agent of the town of Dorchester for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

H. W. K. EASTMAN,
BYRON RICHARDSON,
Auditors.

Road Agent's Report.

BREAKING ROADS, WINTER, 1897.

Paid.

H. E. Follansbee,	$1 00
J. A. Whicher,	2 62
S. H. Whicher,	5 62
E. J. Goss,	3 75
C. C. Reed,	3 72
M. H. Hayes,	25
J. A. Whicher,	87
S. H. Whicher,	87
Ben. C. Dugan,	5 16
Abel Bailey,	4 32
W. F. York,	66
Z. G Taylor,	2 64
E. W. Annis,	3 62
Silas F. Reed,	11 40
Ben C. Dugan,	3 72
Frank Martin,	1 08
C. C. Reed,	2 88
J. A. Whicher,	72
S. H. Whicher,	3 60
S. W. Clement,	3 51
E. J. Goss,	2 12
J. W. Wallace,	3 14
J. E. Fellows,	5 39
H. M. Merrill,	6 60

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid,

H. H. Clough,	3 75
G. N. Burnham,	80
Abel Bailey,	8 75
P. Blaisdell,	38
William Jesseman,	3 75
Fred Waldron,	2 50
Z. G. Taylor,	6 00
S. F. Reed,	3 12
Ben C. Dugan,	1 12
Jake Rowen,	2 12
J. C. Parker,	2 37
Levi P. Goss,	3 12
H. M. Merrill,	37 35
John Quimby,	6 00
W. F. York,	10 00
Francis Harris,	2 50
Geo. Blain,	1 25
Wm. Fairburn,	8 12
W. F. York,	10 00
Jake Rowen,	50
John Quimby,	4 50
Lester J. Goss,	4 12
Joseph Thibeault,	9 50
J. C. Parker,	2 50
David Cote,	7 00
John Quimby,	5 00
Jake Rowen,	1 25
C. C. Reed,	42 00
Frank Martin,	1 12
F. E. Belden Mica Co., dynamite,	12 50
F. E. Elliot, oil for machine,	12
Geo. B. Fellows,	10 62
Earl J. Robinson,	3 12
W. F. York,	12 62

Will Leavitt,	5 00
Geo. Dow,	1 25
J. A. Whitcher,	10 00
S. H. Whitcher,.	6 25
Daniel Whicher,	11 87
Hurbert Mandingo,	1 25
F. A. Davis,	4 37
A. D. Page,	7 37
J. A. Whitcher,	1 25
E. J. Goss,	9 99
J. C. Parker,	1 25
M. B. Hayes,	42 50
P. Blaisdell, lumber,	2 00
James L. Colburn,	3 75
J. W. Wallace,	46 37
N. L. Kinsley,	4 25
Fred A. Kinsley,	5 37
Levi P. Goss,	1 25
G. N. Burnham,	5 94
A. Sanger,	8 00
C. K. Dow,	1 00
D. H. Keezer,	63
A. B. Keezer,	3 75
H. M. Merrill,	38 10
Wm. Fairburn,	4 12
L. R. Brown, exploders,	1 00
V. O. Merrill,	6 75
H. H. Clough,	9 37
J. Lamontague,	13 75
Will C. Leavitt,	1 87
John C. Parker,	62
Lewis Jutras,	12 74
John Bennett,	13 41
Norman Wilson,	3 75
Byron Richardson,	2 50
Henry Wilkinson,	50

James La Mott,	74 92
C A. Clough,	2 50
Emri S. Whicher,	3 75
Jeff Pervier,	1 25
J. A. Whitcher,	1 25
S. H. Whicher,	1 25
Geo. B. Fellows,	1 25
Geo. L. Bishop,	6 00
Conrad Clark,	3 75
F. E. Howe, blacksmithing,	50
A. Sanger,	1 95
H. M. Merrill,	32 25
Geo. W. Rowen,	3 12
Scott D. Burley,	5 62
Scott D. Burley, repairs on plow,	2 25
C. H. Handerson,	1 50
J. P. Elliott,	2 75
F. Y. Burnham,	6 56
A. F. Bickford,	2 50
Wells C. Youngman,	3 00
E. W. Annis,	3 62
Breaking Roads, 1898.	
F. Y. Burnham,	2 42
H. M. Merrill,	2 25
Received of Town Treasurer,	$800 00
Received for dynamite sold,	55
	$800 55

Paid.

For breaking roads, winter of 1897,	$ 79 26
For breaking roads 1898,	4 67
Repairing highways and bridges,	670 65
Dynamite and exploders,	13 50
Cash in hands of Road Agent,	32 47
	$800 55

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. MERRILL, *Road Agent.*

Liquor Agent's Report.

Received of Town,	$ 354 60
Received for sale of liquors,	385 30
	739 90
Paid,	
Town cash,	295 87
Bills,	440 64
Stock on hand,	119 90
	856 41
Received,	739 90
	116 51
Deduct salary,	25 00
Balance for town,	91 51

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. GOSS, LIQUOR AGENT.

Treasurer's Report.

Report of Hazen H. Clough for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1897,	$ 393 55
Received from Collector, 1896,	1,277 80
Collector, 1897,	1,487 00
H. M. Merrill, tax for 1890 to 1894, inclusive,	28 39
Selectmen,	2,121 24
Liquor Agent,	295 87
Town Clerk, dog license,	27 00
Total amount received,	$5,630 85
Cr.	
By outstanding orders from No. 0. to No. 112,	$5,196 49
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1898,	$434 36

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEN H. CLOUGH, *Town Treasurer.*

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

To Assessment, 1897,	$2,780 58
By Cash paid Treasurer,	1,487 00
Due the Town,	$1,293 58

GEO. B. FELLOWS, *Collector 1897.*

Land Agent's Report.

Due the town on land sale notes, Feb. 15, 1898,	$ 702 16
The Amount Due on Lands Covered by Deeds, March 1, 1898,	
Now in Hands of Agent.	
Cutrier & Day, land,	$ 31 94
Jeperson, land,	4 15
B. O. Hall, land,	21 35
Whitcher & Thayer, land,	12 05
Benjamin Bradly, land,	31 29
J. M. Fitts Patterson, land,	11 55
S. Peasley sugar place, land,	32 61
T. E. Follansbee land,	21 03
William Welsh land,	26 65
Clagget land,	18 12
March 1, 1894,	
S. W. Clement, farm,	48 24
Rhoda Esty Merrill, land,	6 54
	$265 52

Lands Covered by Deeds not Available to the Amount of

Marshal Burpee, 2 deeds of sundry pieces,		$ 256 89
Charles Clough, 3	"	213 76
S. W. Clement, 1	"	89 59
Geo. Jesseman, 2	"	15 00
J. W. Barley, 1	"	35 89
I. B. Morris, 1	"	40 00
		$651 13

Respectfully Submitted,

ABEL BAILY, *Land Agent.*

School Report.

To the citizens of Dorchester:

In presenting our annual report, it is gratifying to say that our schools for the past year, have been as profitable and successful as those of previous years.

A few pupils seem to show to little regard for regular and punctual attendance, it is annoying to teachers and a hindance to the best welfare of the school to have pupils habitually tardy and absent. There is n ot one child in town but what needs every hour of schooling it can get from the time it is six to sixteen years of age, and we trust that parents will in the future try and send their children to school more promptly. It is the duty of parents to send their children to school regularly.

In some cases we have been unfortunate in securing teachers while in others quite the reverse, and our greatest failures have been with those who were highly educated and well recommended, still our good success in the others we think will atone for the failures, and on the whole we feel very well satisfied that so much has been accomplished. It is not only essential that we secure teachers competent to impart book knowledge, but to maintain discipline. None will deny that proper school government is of the very first importance, a most serious question. Does the whole responsibility of securing such government rest wholly on the teacher? Cannot parents do something to promote this end by cooperating with the teachers. At all events let it be a principle that so long as the child is a member of the school, his thorough and uniform obedience to the school authority shall be insisted upon. It is somewhat surprising that some parents take so little interest in the education of their children, that they cannot find time to visit the school. Parents should visit the school and encourage the teacher, and follow the children with their sympathies in their daily tasks.

Our schools are the making of the rising generation for future usefulness. The children in these schools will soon fill our places, and whether with honor or dishonor depends largely on the training we give them, and we respectfully ask the voters of this town to give us more schooling for our children. We need at least twenty-four weeks or more. The last year we have had nineteen weeks, while in years past we have had only fifteen weeks.

Hoping we can prolong the school, year by year, we remain your humble servants,

HERMAN L. POQUETT,
GEO. B. FELLOWS,
EZRA J. GOSS,

School Board.

DIVISION NO. 2.

Spring term of eight weeks was taught by Mr. Levi P. Goss who labored hard for the wellfare of the school.

Fall term of eleven weeks was taught by Miss Gertrude L. Toomey of Canaan. Although this was Miss Toomey's first school. she taught one of the best of schools in town. Order was perfect and she labored both early and late for the advancement of her scholars.

DIVISION NO. 3.

This was formerly a union district and the school is now conducted by the town of Groton. The pupils of this town, in this division are provided for by paying a proportional part of the expense of the school in this district.

DIVISION NO. 4.

The service of Miss Margie D. Twombley of Campton Village was secured to teach the spring term; this was her first experience in teaching. She labored most earnestly for the good of her pupils and gave general satisfaction; but owing to George Dow disturbing the school, we closed the school at the end of six weeks.

Fall term of eleven weeks was taught by Miss May L. Clough of Northfield, Mass. This was her first experience in teaching. Miss Clough was one who devoted herself faithfully to the interest of the pupils entrusted to her care, thereby giving general satisfaction.

DIVISION NO. 8.

There is no school house in this division, the school is held in the house of Mr. Park, he receives his proportion of school money; the teacher is hired by him; he also boards the teachers thereby prolonging the school.

DIVISION NO. 10.

Spring and fall terms were taught by Miss Lillian M. Jewell, of Lyme Centre, who is one of our best teachers. She labored hard and faithfully for her scholars. The examination at the close showed the result of interest and hard labor on the part of both pupils and teacher.

NORTH DORCHESTER DIVISION NO. 13.

Spring term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Helen M. Jewell. In visiting this school we found Miss Jewell doing her duty and trying to please both pupils and parents.

Fall term of eleven weeks, was taught by Miss Jewell. and we are sorry to state that we found said term not up to standard in regard to order, there being numerous complaints rendered us, but in giving our candid opinion we would say that we do not care to make the statement, that we do not consider the pupils entirely blameless.

H. L. POQUETT,
GEO. B. FELLOWS,
EZRA J GOSS,

School Board.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

One term.—Carrie D. Pressey, John Bennett, Blanch Burnham, Bessie Burnham, Frank Burnham, Alta Bickford, Willford Clark, Lenard Hayes, Lillie Huminston, Richard Park, Ruth A. Park, Esther M. Park.

Two terms.—Mary York, Charles W. Goss, Albert Gagnon, Alice Baily, Leroy N. Fellows, Emily M. Jutras, Ruth A. Park, Esther M. Park, Alta Bickford.

FINANCIAL REPORT RECEIPTS.

Received school money,	$451 50
from Treasurer of 1896 in full,	9 76
	$461 26

DISBURSEMENTS

PAID DIVISION NO. 1.

Town of Groton,	$6 64

DIVISION NO. 2,

Mrs. Levi P Goss, teaching and board,	40 00
Gertrude Towney, teaching,	35 75
Mrs. Maggie M. Goss, board of teacher,	17 88
Parney Brothers, supplies,	82
A. B. Keezer, making 4 new benches,	75
Barney Brothers, Cloth for curtains,	50
Leavitt, 1 tin pail and dipper,	45
Mrs. D. K. Keezer, one broom,	25

DIVISION, NO. 3.

Town of Groton,	$21 98

DIVISION, NO. 4.

Mary L. Clough, teaching,	$39 00
Mrs. George B. Fellows, board,	21 06
Margie Twombly, teaching,	19 03
Mrs. Geo. B. Fellows, board,	9 72
E. J. Goss, lumber and shingles,	7 00
Geo. B. Fellows, labor,	5 50
" wood,	3 50
E. J. Goss, one day's labor,	1 00
C. H. Calief, "	75
Fred H. Elliott, nails,	50
Geo. B. Fellows, supplies,	93
Leavitt, 1 tin pail, 2 dippers,	45

DIVISION NO. 8.	
W. R. Park Jr., support of school, 1897,	$30 00
DIVISION NO. 10.	
Miss Lillian L. Jewell, teaching,	44 00
" " "	30 00
DIVISION NO. 13.	
Miss Helen M. Jewell, teaching,	33 00
" " "	24 00
Mrs. Mary V. Clough, board,	17 82
" "	12 96
Barney Bros., one box crayons,	15
Town of Canaan, tuition,	11 00
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Barney Bros., one book,	25
R. E. Lane, 100 enumeration cards,	42
Postage,	18
Registered letter,	10
Fred Elliott, paper,	05
	$437 39
Balance in hands of treasurer,	23 87
	$461 26

The undersigned having examined the accounts of the school board, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEO. W. ROWEN,
HENRY M. MERRILL,
Auditors.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in the Town of Dorchester for the Year Ending December 31. 1897.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any)	Male or Female	Living or Stillborn.	No. of Children 1, 2, etc.	Color.	Father's Name.	Mother's Maiden Name.	Color.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Jan 25	Elizabeth H.	F	All Living		All White.	Abel Baily	Josie M. Fellows	All White.	All Dorchester	Farmer	Groton	Dorchester	52	27
Mar 5		M				W. Scott Smith	Minnie Deline			Lumberman	Holderness	Canada		
Apr 14	Forrest A.	M				Wm. Campbell	Mabel Wescott			Laborer	Boston	Canaan	23	23
Apr 21		F				Unknown	Alice M. Jewell					Groton		19
Apr 24	William	M				Louis Jutras	Philman Saucete			Farmer	Canada	Canada	43	42
July 3		F				Leonard Clark	Emma J. Hagan			Farmer	Germany	Vermont	35	35
July 8		F				F. Y. Burnham	Alta M. Brown			Farmer	Concord	Wentworth	46	30
Aug 1		M				James Hill	Aurelie Camire			Farmer	Canada	Canada	34	27
Aug 6		F				Adolph Gagnon	Eliza Daigle			Farmer	Canada	Canada	33	27

Marriages Registered in the Town of Dorchester for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years.	Color of Each	Occupation. of Groom and Bride.	Place Of Birth	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation of Parents.	No. Times Marr'd	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Mar 11	Wm. C. Campbell	Dorchester	23	All White.	Farmer	Boston	Campbell	Unknown			Rev. D. Eastman,
	Mabel Wescott	Canaan	23		Housekeeper	Canaan	Edwin Wescott				Canaan, N. H.
							Wallace	Unknown			
Apr 20	Charles T. Farr.	Dalton	37		Cook	Dalton	Norman N. Farr	Littleton			S. W. Clement, Esq.,
	Mary L. Morse	Dorchester	17		Housewife	Peterboro	Mary L. Hunter	Littleton			
							Geo. M. Morse	Mass			Dorchester, N. H.
Sept 6	John A. Brooks	Dorchester	35		Farmer	Dorchester	Sarah J. York	Mass	Housewife		
							John W. Brooks	Canada	Farmer		S. W. Clement, Esq.,
	Martha J. Ward	Campton	16		Housewife	Campton	Sarah Sampier	Vermont	Housewife		
							Geo. M. Ward	Plymouth	Farmer		Dorchester, N. H.
Sept 12	Joseph E. Fellows	Dorchester	22		Farmer	Dorchester	Nellie Elliott		Housewife		
							Leonard S. Fellows	Dorchester	Farmer		S. Cole,
	Nellie E. Handerson	Dorchester	17		Housewife	New York	Sarah Bowden	Maine	Housewife		
							C. H. Handerson		Jeweler		Lebanon, N. H.
Oct 5	Edwin W. Annis	Dorchester	52		Farmer	Groton	Anna M. Deaton	New York			
							John B. Annis	Vermont			Rev. W. F. Felch,
	Agnes D. Clark	Groton	34		Housewife	Groton	Sophronia Buell	Groton			
							Augustus Remick	Groton	Carpenter		Rumney, N. H.
							Eliza A. Prior	Mass	Housewife		

Deaths Registered in the Town of Dorchester for the Year Ending December 31. 1897.

Date of Death.	Name.	Age			Place of Birth	Sex.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Occupat'n	Cause of Death.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name. or Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.										
Mar 5	Smith				Dorchester	M	All White.	S		Debility	W. S. Smith	Winnie Delms	Holderness	Canada
Apr 6	Nellie Ford	26	4	11	Groton	F		M	Housewife	Consumption	Abel Baily	Jennie Wiloughby	Groton	
Apr 7	Joshua Foster	78	9	12	Wentworth	M		S	Laborer	Pneumonia	John Foster	Hannah Piper		
July 31	Elizabeth Stoors	80	7	11	Dorchester	F		W	Housewife	Peritonitis	James Dow	Sarah Noble		

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HENRY M. MERRILL, *Town Clerk.*